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Sir:

In accordance with M.P.E.P. §713.04, applicant submits the following:

(A) A Brief Description of Exhibit

No exhibits or demonstrations were shown.

(B) Identification of Claims

Independent claims 1 and 70 were discussed.

(C) Identification of Prior Art

Bellini was discussed.

(D) Identification of Proposed Substantive Amendments

Amendments to claim 1 and claim 70 were proposed to clarify the invention. Applicant's proposed amended claim 1 provides additional structure, including the supply chain server as electronically receiving customer demands, electronically analyzing the demands and electronically sending the demands to at least one supplier.

With respect to the Office Action in which the Examiner objected to the term, "valid," the applicant's proposed amendment provides details relating to the step of analyzing received customer forecasted demands which determine whether the demands are valid.

(E) Brief Identification of Principal Arguments

The applicant's attorneys submitted that claim 1, as filed, satisfies the requirement of 35 USC 101. Notwithstanding the argument, applicant's proposed amended claim 1 provides additional structure, including the supply chain server that electronically receives customer demands, electronically analyzes the demands and electronically sends the demands to at least one supplier.

With respect to the Examiner's rejections under 35 USC 102 and 103, the applicant's attorneys distinguished Bellini from the present invention.

(F) Indication of Pertinent Matters

A brief discussion of the Examiner's argument in the Office Action that sets forth a requirement for subject matter that promotes the technological arts.

(G) Outcome of the Interview

The Examiner requested a distinction be made between the supply chain server, the customer and the supplier. Accordingly, an additional amendment to the claims was proposed, and the Examiner agreed that the proposed claim amendments would overcome the rejections under 35 USC 101, 112 2d paragraph and the present art rejections. The Examiner also indicated another search was likely to be conducted.

(H) A Paper Copy of the Interview Via Internet E-mail

Not applicable.

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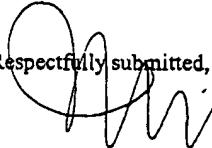
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